Rehabilitation and conservation of the Hindu temples in Pakistan

1959. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken any step to help the Government of Pakistan in rehabilitation and conservation of the Hindu temples at Katasraj and other places in that country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the financial assistance, architectural expertise and other help proposed to be given to Pakistan for the purpose; and

(c) whether the Government of Pakistan has given any indication as to when the work on the proposed projects at various places there would start and the time likely to be taken for their completion?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) In response to a request from the Government of Pakistan for technical assistance, the Government has deputed an officer from the Archaeological Survey of India to visit and formulate a proposal for the restoration of the Katasraj Temples.

(b) and (c) Based on the visit, the Archaeological Survey of India has prepared a report for conservation and development of Katasraj Temples and this report has been forwarded to the Government of Pakistan through the Ministry of External Affairs. The report envisages the development and restoration of the Katasraj complex in three phases. The report envisages that the execution and funding of the work would be by the Government of Pakistan. The response of the Government of Pakistan on the report is awaited.

Heritage map

1960. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning a heritage map of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities which entails locational analysis of the heritage centres; and

(d) the details of the both protected and unprotected monuments that are proposed to be covered in Orissa under the above project?